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# Product overview

## Xperia™ L highlights

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- 8 megapixel fast-capture camera takes sharp pictures in any light
- Enjoy all your entertainment on the generous 4.3-inch display
- Share your phone screen on a TV
- Fast performance with dual-core processor and latest Android OS
- Large 1700mA battery supported by Battery STAMINA mode

### Fast-capture camera

The 8 megapixel fast-capture camera with Exmor RS™ takes sharp, clear pictures in any light. You can enjoy them on the generous 4.3 inch display and share them easily. With HDR for pictures and video, your subjects look bright, even when backlit. And there's a dedicated camera key that shoots even from a locked screen, launching the camera from sleep to snap.

### Sharper viewing, better listening

The large 4.3-inch display is great for watching movies as well as videos that you shot using the camera. The superior screen quality makes every image brighter, and memories feel as vivid as the day you shot them. But it's not just about the visual experience. With Sony sound and Clear Audio+, you can listen to all your music and audiovisual content with impressive clarity.

### Fast performance and improved battery life

The Xperia L runs on the latest Android OS using a dual-core processor that ensures top performance. The phone also has a large 1700mA battery to help deal with the demands of daily usage. To reduce battery drain, use the Battery STAMINA mode feature, which recognizes when your display is not active and turns off functions that you don't need. At the same time, Battery STAMINA mode keeps active the notifications that you actually want. Then, as soon as you wake up your phone, everything is up and running again.

### Easy connectivity with one-touch functions

The NFC-enabled Xperia L lets you share pictures with other phones in a single touch. Or you can touch your Xperia L to a Bluetooth™ speaker and listen to music saved on the phone.

### Direct access to PlayStation®Store

With your PlayStation® Certified Xperia L, you get direct access to PlayStation®Store\*, where you can browse a catalogue of great PlayStation®Mobile games developed for PlayStation®Mobile.

### Share your phone screen on a TV

You can use the Screen Mirroring\*\* feature to share content from your phone via a TV. With the touch of a button, you can watch your selected photo pop up on the TV screen or listen to the current music track play on the TV's speakers.

\* PlayStation®Store is currently available in the US, Canada, Japan, UK, France, Italy, Germany, Spain and Australia only.

\*\* Your TV must support screen mirroring based on Wi-Fi CERTIFIED Miracast™ for the screen mirroring feature to work. When using screen mirroring, the image quality may sometimes be negatively impacted if there is interference from other Wi-Fi networks.



## Facts – dimensions, weight, performance and networks

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<b>Operating system</b>	Google™ Android™ 4.1 (Jelly Bean)
<b>Processor</b>	1 GHz Qualcomm MSM8230 dual-core
<b>GPU</b>	Andreno 305
<b>Size</b>	128.7 x 65 x 9.7 mm
<b>Weight</b>	137 grams
<b>Available colours</b>	Black White Red
<b>Main screen</b>	
Colours	16,777,216 colour TFT
Resolution	854x480 pixels
Size (diagonal)	4.3 inches
Scratch-resistant	Yes – Touch panel cover glass (Schott 2nd source)
<b>Input mechanisms</b>	
Text input	On-screen QWERTY keyboard, 12 key input
Touch screen	Capacitive
Touch gesture	Yes – multi-touch, up to 4 fingers supported
Handwriting recognition	Yes
<b>Memory</b>	
RAM	1 GB
Flash memory	Up to 8 GB*
Expansion slot	microSD™ card, up to 32 GB
<b>Camera</b>	
Camera resolution	8 MP
Digital zoom	4x
Photo flash	Yes – Pulsed LED
Video recording	Yes – HD 720p
Front camera	Yes – VGA
<b>Sensors</b>	
Accelerometer	Yes
Ambient light sensor	Yes

Proximity sensor	Yes
Magnetometer	Yes
<b>Networks</b>	
C2105	UMTS HSPA+ 900 (Band VIII), 2100 (Band I) MHz GSM GPRS/EDGE 850, 900, 1800, 1900 MHz
C2104	UMTS HSPA+ 850 (Band V), 1900 (Band II), 1700 (Band IV), 2100 (Band I) MHz GSM GPRS/EDGE 850, 900, 1800, 1900 MHz
<b>Data transfer speeds</b>	
GSM GPRS	Up to 85.6 kbps (download). Up to 85.6 kbps (upload).
GSM EDGE	Up to 237 kbps (download). Up to 237 kbps (upload).
UMTS HSUPA cat 6 (upload)	Up to 5.76 Mbps
UMTS HSDPA cat 14 (down- load)	Up to 21 Mbps
<b>Hearing Aid Compatibility (HAC)</b>	
M-Rating	M3
<b>Talk time (GSM)</b>	Up to 8 hours 30 min.**
<b>Standby time (GSM)</b>	Up to 498 hours**
<b>Talk time (UMTS)</b>	Up to 9 hours 6 min.**
<b>Standby time (UMTS)</b>	Up to 454 hours**
<b>Music listening time</b>	Up to 43 hours 12 min.**
<b>Video playback time</b>	Up to 7 hours 30 min.**
<b>Battery (Removable)</b>	1750 mAh, typical 1700 mAh, minimum


\* Memory comprises of approximately of 1.2 GB firmware, plus 5.6 GB of “Internal Storage” for down-loaded applications, music, pictures and movies, and some application data. For more details about memory, see “Memory in Android™ phones” on page 16.

\*\* Values are according to GSM Association Battery Life Measurement Technique as performed in controlled laboratory conditions. Actual time may vary.

**NOTE:** Battery performance may vary depending on network conditions and configurations, and phone usage.




**NOTE:** All performance metrics are measured under laboratory conditions.

## Categorised feature list

 <p><b>Camera</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8 megapixel camera</li> <li>4x digital zoom</li> <li>Auto focus</li> <li>Face detection</li> <li>Fast capture</li> <li>Flash/Photo flash</li> <li>Front-facing camera (VGA)</li> <li>Geotagging</li> <li>HDR for both picture and movie</li> <li>Image stabilizer</li> <li>Quick Launch</li> <li>Self-timer</li> <li>Send to web</li> <li>Smile detection</li> <li>Sony Exmor RS™ for mobile</li> <li>Image sensor</li> <li>Video stabilizer</li> <li>Red-eye reduction</li> <li>Sweep Panorama</li> <li>Touch capture</li> <li>Touch focus</li> <li>Video light</li> <li>Video recording (HD 720p)</li> </ul>	 <p><b>Music</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Album art</li> <li>Bluetooth™ stereo (A2DP)</li> <li>ClearAudio+</li> <li>Clear bass</li> <li>Clear Phase™</li> <li>Clear stereo</li> <li>Dynamic normalizer</li> <li>Manual equalizer</li> <li>PlayNow™ service*</li> <li>TrackID™ music recognition*</li> <li>“WALKMAN” application</li> <li>xLoud™ Experience</li> </ul>	 <p><b>Internet</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bookmarks</li> <li>Google Chrome™</li> <li>Google Play™</li> <li>Google™ search*</li> <li>Google Voice™ Search*</li> <li>Google Maps™ for Mobile with Street view and Latitude™*</li> <li>NeoReader™ barcode scanner</li> <li>Web browser (WebKit™)</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Communication</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call list</li> <li>Conference calls</li> <li>Facebook™ application*</li> <li>Friends application</li> <li>Google Talk™ application*</li> <li>Google Talk™ video chat*</li> <li>Multiple IM</li> <li>Speakerphone</li> <li>Twitter™*</li> <li>Video chat ready</li> <li>Xperia™ with Facebook™</li> </ul>	 <p><b>Messaging</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conversations</li> <li>Email</li> <li>Google mail™*</li> <li>Handwriting recognition</li> <li>Instant messaging</li> <li>Multimedia messaging (MMS)</li> <li>Predictive text input</li> <li>Text messaging (SMS)</li> </ul>	 <p><b>Design</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Auto rotation</li> <li>Gesture input</li> <li>Illumination effect</li> <li>On-screen 12-key keyboard</li> <li>On-screen QWERTY keyboard</li> <li>Picture wallpaper</li> <li>Screen capturing</li> <li>Touch screen</li> <li>Voice input</li> <li>Wallpaper animation</li> </ul>

\* This service is not available in all markets.



 <p><b>Entertainment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3D games</li> <li>Media browser</li> <li>Motion gaming</li> <li>PlayStation® Certified***</li> <li>PlayMemories*</li> <li>Radio (FM radio with RDS)</li> <li>Sony Entertainment Network**</li> <li>Video streaming</li> <li>YouTube™*</li> </ul>	 <p><b>Organiser</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Airplane mode</li> <li>Alarm clock</li> <li>Calculator</li> <li>Calendar</li> <li>Contacts</li> <li>Document readers</li> <li>eCompass™</li> <li>Infinite button</li> <li>Notes</li> <li>Setup guide</li> <li>Stopwatch</li> <li>Timer</li> <li>World clock</li> </ul>	 <p><b>Connectivity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.5 mm audio jack (CTIA)</li> <li>aGPS*</li> <li>Bluetooth™ 4.0 wireless technology</li> <li>DLNA Certified®</li> <li>Media Transfer Protocol support</li> <li>Micro USB support</li> <li>Native USB tethering</li> <li>Media Go™*</li> <li>NFC</li> <li>PC Companion</li> <li>Play Anywhere</li> <li>Screen mirroring</li> <li>Smart Connect</li> <li>Synchronisation via Facebook™</li> <li>Synchronisation via SyncML™</li> <li>Synchronisation via Google™</li> <li>Synchronisation with computer</li> <li>Synchronisation via Microsoft® Exchange ActiveSync®</li> <li>USB High speed 2.0 support</li> <li>USB mass storage</li> <li>Xperia Link™</li> <li>Wi-Fi®</li> <li>Wi-Fi® Hotspot functionality</li> </ul>
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\* This service is not available in all markets.

\*\* Sony Entertainment Network with Video Unlimited and Music Unlimited is not available in every market. Separate subscription required. Additional terms and conditions apply.

\*\*\* This service is not available in all markets and may not be available at the time of launch.

# Technologies in detail

**NOTE:** The information outlined below is general and levels of compliance to standards and specifications may vary between products and markets. For more information, contact Sony Developer World or your Sony contact person where applicable.

## Device-to-device communications (local)

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### Bluetooth™ wireless technology

Bluetooth™ profiles supported	Advanced Audio Distribution Profile v1.2 Audio/Video Remote Control Profile v1.3 Generic Attribute Profile Client/Server over LE Handsfree Profile v1.6 (Wide band speech) Headset Profile v1.2 Human Interface Device Profile v1.0 Object Push Profile v1.2 Personal Area Networking Profile v1.0 FTP v1.2 (server role) DUN 1.1
Core version and supported core features	Version 4.0
Connectable devices	Products supporting at least one of the profiles above. BT4.0 accessories generally require installation of a supporting application.

More information:

[www.sonymobile.com/developer](http://www.sonymobile.com/developer)

[www.bluetooth.com](http://www.bluetooth.com)

**Wi-Fi®**

Supported standards	IEEE 802.11a/b/g/n and Wi-Fi® Wi-Fi Direct®, Wi-Fi Protected Setup
Connectable devices	Wi-Fi® access points Wi-Fi Direct compatible devices
Frequency band	2.4 GHz/5 GHz
Data transfer rate	Up to 150 Mbit/s
Security	Open Authentication Shared Authentication EAP-SIM EAP-AKA EAP-TLS EAP-TTLS/MSCHAPv2 PEAPv0/EAP-MSCHAPv2 PEAPv1/EAP-GTC WPA Personal and WPA2 Personal WPA Enterprise and WPA2 Enterprise
Encryption	WEP 64 bit, WEP 128 bit, TKIP and CCMP (AES)
Power save	WMM-UAPSD QoS, WMM

## DLNA Certified® (Digital Living Network Alliance)

Supported Device Classes	<p><b>M-DMS – Mobile Digital Media Server</b>  Media Types: Image, Video and Music  Summary: The digital media server exposes the media files in your phone to a Wi-Fi® network. The files can then be accessed from other DLNA Certified® clients.</p> <p><b>+PU+</b>  Media Types: Image, Video and Music  Summary: Play media saved in the phone on another device, such as a TV or computer, using 2-box push technology. The +PU+ feature is integrated into the Gallery and Music applications.</p> <p><b>M-DMP – Mobile Digital Media Player</b>  Media Types: Image, Video and Music  Summary: Play content stored on another device, for example, a server or a PC, directly on the phone.</p> <p><b>+DN+</b>  Media Types: image, video and music  Summary: Download content stored on another device, for example, a server or a PC, and play the downloaded content directly on the phone.</p>
Supported Bearers	Wi-Fi®

# Messaging

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## MMS (Multimedia Messaging Service)

According to OMA Multimedia Messaging Service v1.0 + SMIL

## Email

Bearer type (IP)	GPRS, EGPRS, UMTS, Wi-Fi®
Character sets	BIG5 Traditional Chinese GB2312 Simplified Chinese GB18030 ISO-2022-JP Japanese ISO-8859-1 ISO-8859-2 Eastern Europe ISO-8859-5 Cyrillic ISO-8859-7 Greek ISO-8859-9 Turkish ISO 8859-11 KOI8-R Cyrillic Shift_JIS Japanese USASCII UTF-16 UTF-8 Windows® 874 Windows® 1251 Cyrillic Windows® 1252 Windows® 1254 Turkish Windows® 1258 Vietnamese
Protocols	POP3 and IMAP4
Push email	Microsoft® Exchange ActiveSync® (EAS)
Secure email	SSL/TLS, both port methods (POPS/IMAPS) and START-TLS
HTML mail	Yes (read only)

More information:

[www.sonymobile.com/developer](http://www.sonymobile.com/developer)

[www.openmobilealliance.org](http://www.openmobilealliance.org)

## **Positioning – location based services**

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Supported standards:

- OMA Secure User Plane Location (SUPL) v1.0
- 3GPP™ Control Plane location (including Emergency location), only support E911.
- Qualcomm® GPSTOneXtra

## **Provisioning (OMA CP)**

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OMA CP version 1.1

## Multimedia (audio, image and video)

<b>Audio Playback</b>	<b>Decoder format</b>	<b>Supported in file format</b>
	Audio decoding MPEG-1/2/2.5, audio layer 3	MP3 (.mp3), 3GPP (.3gp), MP4 (.mp4, .m4a)
	AAC, AAC+, eAAC+	3GPP (.3gp), MP4 (.mp4)
	AMR-NB, AMR-WB	3GPP (.3gp), MP4 (.mp4)
	General MIDI (GM)	SMF (.mid)
	Linear PCM 16bit	WAV (.wav)
	OTA	OTA (.ota)
	Ogg vorbis	Ogg vorbis (.ogg)
<b>Audio Recording</b>	<b>Encoder format</b>	<b>Supported in file format</b>
	AMR-NB, AMR-WB	3GPP (.3gp), MP4 (.mp4), AMR (.amr)
	AMR-NB, AMR-WB, AAC-LC stereo Sample rate: 48 kHz Bit rate: 128 kbps	3GPP (.3gp), MP4 (.mp4)
<b>Image Playback</b>	<b>Decoder format</b>	<b>Supported in file format</b>
	1, 4, 8, 16, 24 and 32 bpp and RLE encoded formats	BMP (.bmp)
	Single and multi-frame, bitmap mask support (GIF87a format and GIF89a format)	GIF (.gif)
	Joint Photographic Experts Group	JPEG (.jpg)
	Portable Network Graphics Bitmap mask support	PNG (.png)
	Wireless Bitmap	WBMP (.wbmp)
<b>Image Capture</b>	<b>Encoder format</b>	<b>Supported in file format</b>
	Joint Photographic Experts Group	JPEG (.jpg)
<b>Video Playback</b>	<b>Decoder format</b>	<b>Supported in file format</b>
	MPEG-4 Visual Simple Profile	3GPP (.3gp), MP4 (.mp4)
	H.264	3GPP (.3gp), MP4 (.mp4)
	H.263 Profile 0	3GPP (.3gp)

<b>Video Recording</b>	<b>Encoder format</b>	<b>Supported in file format</b>
	- Video H.263 Profile 0, H.264 Baseline Profile - Audio: AAC-LC stereo Sample rate: 48 kHz Bit rate: 128 kbps AMR-NB	3GPP (.3gp), MP4 (.mp4)
<b>Audio/Video Streaming</b>	Streaming transport	RTSP according to 3GPP™ HTTP streaming

## Synchronisation (OMA DS, EAS, Google Sync™)

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OMA Data Synchronisation protocol versions 1.1.2 and 1.2

OMA Data Formats: vCard 2.1, vCalendar 1.0

Microsoft® Exchange ActiveSync® protocol version 2.5

Microsoft® Exchange ActiveSync® protocol version 12.0

Microsoft® Exchange ActiveSync® protocol version 14.0

Microsoft® Exchange ActiveSync® protocol version 14.1

Google Sync™

Related information:

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## Web browser

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Browser version	Android 4.0 Browser (Based on WebKit™)
Navigation/rendering	Full page PC rendering Landscape/portrait rendering Pan & Zoom
Search	Internet search
Browser compliancy	CSS 2.0 CSS 2.1 CSS 3.0 DOM 2.0 DOM 3.0 HTML version 4.0 HTML version 5.0 V8 JavaScript Engine/ECMA-script 262 5rd edition XHTML Basic version 1.0 XHTML 1.1
Supported Device API	Geo-location API
Protocol compliancy	Gzip HTTP/1.1 OMA Download 1.0 TLS 1.0 and SSL 3.0

Google™ Chrome for Android™ is pre-installed.\*

For more information about Google™ Chrome, go to

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.android.chrome>

\* Google™ Chrome is not available for all markets.

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## Memory in Android™ phones

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To use Android phones efficiently, users should be aware of the different types of phone memory. This knowledge is important in order to understand, for example, where music, photos and videos are saved; how many apps can be downloaded from Android Market; and how photos can be copied to a PC.

The below information is also of interest to developers who want to optimise their programs to make the best possible use of the resources in the phone.

Generally, all Android phones share the same basic memory setup. What differs is how much memory is available to you via the different types of memory, and whether your phone uses an external SD card or an internal memory chip. Any information specific to the particular phone model described in this White Paper is noted as such.

### Types of memory

The types of memory described and numbered below are consistent with the terminology used in Sony mobile phone menus and in other content relating to 2013 Xperia™ phones:

1. **Dynamic Memory** (also known as RAM) is used by applications that run when the phone is turned on. The amount of Dynamic Memory influences how many applications and operating system services can run at the same time. The Android operating system automatically closes applications and services that are not being used.

However, such automatic functionality has limits. For example, if a lower amount of free RAM is available to applications after a new release of the operating system (due to increased capabilities in the system), phone speed will eventually be impacted. This is the main reason that a device cannot be indefinitely upgraded to newer releases of Android™.

If you experience problems with RAM, for example, if the phone runs slower than usual or if the Home application restarts frequently when you leave an application, you should minimise the use of apps that run all the time. Such apps could include, for example, applications that frequently download social networking service updates. You could also consider using a static wallpaper instead of a live wallpaper.

To see which apps and services are currently active, go to **Settings > Applications > Running Services**. You should have at least 50 MB, and ideally 100 MB or more, of free RAM to avoid slowdowns and application restarts.

You should also be aware that if you update the phone to a later Android release, the load on the built-in Dynamic Memory will increase due to the addition of more features, as mentioned above. As a result, the phone may run slower after an update.

The Xperia L has about 1 GB of RAM available to the Android OS and applications, of which about 200 MB is already used out of the box.

2. **System Memory** (also known as “System partition” or “/system”) is used for the Android OS and for most applications that are pre-loaded from the factory. This type of memory is normally locked, and can only be changed through a firmware upgrade. There is usually some free space available in this section of memory. However, since it is locked, you cannot save apps, photos or any other content to this memory. System Memory is reserved for future firmware upgrades, which almost always need more memory than the original firmware. You cannot see or influence the use of this memory.
3. **Internal Storage** is memory used as “working” memory. It can be compared to the C: drive on a PC or to the startup disk on a Mac.

This type of memory is used to store all application downloaded from the Google Play™ Store (and other sources) as well as their settings and data (such as emails, messages and calendar events, for example). All applications have an allocated area which no other applications can access and where the application data can be stored.

Some game applications also store content such as game music and game level information outside their own designated area. In most cases, an application can choose to save its data in a location of its own choosing (outside the protected application settings area). Generally, such content is not deleted when an application is uninstalled; it must be removed manually by connecting the phone to a computer with a USB cable, or by using a file manager application.

Internal Storage is also used for all user content added, for example, as a result of the user taking photos with the camera, downloading media files, and performing file transfers. Typical user content includes:

- photos
- movies
- music
- downloaded documents (as email attachments, for example)

Internal Storage will tend to fill up as a result of normal usage. Examples of such usage are the saving of data by applications; the downloading and installation of new applications; the downloading of free or paid content; and the shooting of pictures and movies. Therefore, the larger this memory is from the start, the more applications you can download and use, and the more pictures and movies you can shoot.

If the Internal Storage starts to get full, the phone slows down, and in some cases it might no longer be possible to install more apps. You should always ensure that you have at least 100 MB of free Internal Storage. If not, you should consider removing some apps that you seldom use, or move content that you do not frequently access to safe storage.

You can see how much Internal Storage is free under **Settings > Storage > Internal Storage**. You can also view more detail about how much memory is used by various applications under **Settings > Applications > Manage Applications**. In the Xperia L, about 5.6 GB of Internal Storage is available out of the box.

Please note that in Sony Mobile 2013 products, “Internal Storage” is now the combination of what was previously known as “Phone Memory” (for applications and their data – also previously known as “/data”) and “Internal Storage” (for user’s content – also previously known as “/sdcard”). The reason for this change is to make the use of available memory more flexible, and also to enable the optional encryption of user’s content.

### Memory card slot

In some products you may find both a large internal memory and a memory card reader slot. However, on the current Android platform, the card reader slot does not work in the same manner in a phone with a large internal memory as it does in a phone with ONLY a memory card slot.

Generally, since most applications expect only a single location for storage, such applications will not generally allow you to SAVE anything to the memory card (i.e., they do not offer the option to choose a storage location). However, some applications (for instance, the Sony Mobile “Camera” application) may actually allow you to do so. Other applications, for example, backup applications such as the Sony Mobile “Memory” application, will by definition be configured to copy content from the Internal Storage to the external SD card.

On the other hand, when it comes to reading from an external SD Card, you will be able to access content (for example, videos, photos and music) on a memory card inserted in this slot without any special consideration since the Android system searches all available memory for content. Therefore, such products may be regarded as supporting a fourth type of memory, called “External Card” or “SD Card”.

4. **SD Card** (known as “/ext\_card” from a programmer’s point of view, or by other names in other Android products) is the name for the removable SD memory card in all 2013 Sony Mobile products. As described above, this External Card memory is generally more limited in that any application can read from it, but many applications cannot save to this card. Only a few applications, including backup applications and file manager applications, have the capability to save to this card.

#### **Backing up data to different memory types**

Generally, you should not save photos, videos and other personal content solely on the internal memory of a phone. If something should happen with the hardware, or if the phone is lost or stolen, the data stored on the phone’s internal memory is gone forever.

In a phone where an SD card reader is the main memory, it is relatively easy to take the card out and copy all content to a PC or Mac, or to an entertainment device with a memory card slot. In a product featuring Internal Storage as the main memory, it is not possible to physically remove the memory. Instead, any critical or high-value content must either be copied to an external SD card by a special backup application, transferred to remote storage over a network (mobile or Wi-Fi), or to a computer via a USB cable.

To facilitate the transfer of data via a cable, the Xperia L supports the Microsoft standard, Media Transfer Protocol (MTP), which makes it possible to easily transfer content back and forth between your phone and a Windows PC. For Apple Mac computers, a special application called Bridge for Mac is available with built-in support for MTP. This application can be downloaded from the Xperia L Support page.

Note that you do not need to back up or make a copy of applications that you have downloaded from the Google Play™ Store. They can normally be downloaded again after you have set up your Google account to work in a new phone (or in a phone where the memory has been completely erased).

#### **Note 1:**

As noted above, some Android phones, including Sony Mobile devices from 2012 and Sony Ericsson devices from 2011 and earlier, do not use a single “Internal Storage” for both applications (and their data) and user content. Instead, these devices use either an external SD card for user content, or a corresponding area of internal memory to reproduce the functionality of an SD card. In such devices, there is a fixed limit between the application area (“/data”) and the user content area (“/sdcard”), with the result that user content can build up and reach this limit. The consequence of such a limit being reached, for example, for the camera application, would be that no new pictures could be taken even if there was still a considerable amount of free space in the application area (or in the user content area). In such an instance, the download and installation of new applications would also not be possible, even if there was enough free memory in the content area.

#### **Note 2:**

Some devices with integrated storage have abandoned the distinction between the application area and the content area when it comes to a Factory Data Reset. As a result, there is no option in such devices to perform a Factory Data Reset and preserve content. In such devices, all content is mandatorily and completely deleted from the device when a reset is performed.

In contrast, Sony Mobile’s memory integration solution makes it possible to preserve user content in this situation. Therefore, when performing a Factory Data Reset, the default action will still be to only remove applications and their data, and an option box must be checked if all content is to be removed as well (as might be desirable when selling the device second-hand, for instance).

**Note 3:**

For a developer, it is important to note that from a programming point of view the location names used to refer to the different memory areas described in Note 1 are still valid, i.e., the area used for applications (“/data”) is still present, as is the area used for content (“/sdcard”).

In reality, “sdcard” is a so-called “symbolic link” to “/data/media”. However, from inside an Android application, “/sdcard” can still be used. For example, you can use “sdcard/DCIM/100Android” to find all camera images. The continued use of “/sdcard” to access the content area ensures compatibility across different products and Android releases in this regard.

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